

Helping Families to Report to Authorities Abroad about How their Adopted Child is Thriving



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Project Summary	Parents who adopt abroad need to know how often and what to report about the wellbeing of their child to foreign adoption authorities requiring such reports. Through this project, the Department will provide highly reliable information to parents and identify where to place links to the information.
Country	United States
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	CA/OCS/CI
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	1

Project Description

When families adopt abroad, many adoption authorities in the country of the child's origin require periodic reports about how the child is adapting to her or his new environment. At the time of the adoption, families commit to providing such reports but may misplace the information about reporting received at the adoption. Over time, for want of reliable information, some families may miss submitting one or more reports. Unfortunately, when reports fail to arrive in the foreign country adoption officials there wonder about the wellbeing of the adopted children and may delay or stop future adoptions from their country until reports about children adopted in the past are produced. In such countries, the future of intercountry adoption hinges on families submitting the reports in a timely fashion. Each country of origin can have different specific reporting requirements both in terms of content and how often and for how long to submit them. The person working with this project will assess the information already known to the Department about post-placement and post-adoption requirements of all countries engaged with the United States on Intercountry Adoption, fill in any gaps in requirement information, and explore ways to ensure families and the adoption service providers who will assist to produce the reports can access the information, including via social media.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

This project takes place under the supervision of the Office of Children's Issues, Adoption Division and contributes to the Office's strategic efforts to ensure that ethical and transparent adoption is a viable option in every country where children are in need of permanent families.

Language Requirements

None